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## Carson Potter: One Family's Evacuation

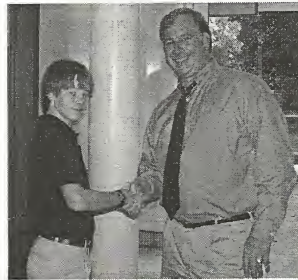
by Matt Bellet

Carson Potter, along with his mom, dad, sister, one dog, and two cats, lives in Metairie, a twenty-minute drive from the center of downtown New Orleans.

Here is a timeline of the events experienced by Carson and his family during and shortly after Hurricane Katrina:

**Friday Night, August 26, 2005**

I first heard about Hurricane Katrina. While my family and I were driving home from a Saints



"Welcome to MBA, Carson."

game, we passed by a packed gas station. My dad mumbled something about a hurricane

changing course, and I asked, "What hurricane?"

**Saturday Night, August 27, 2005**

My parents threw a party for some of their friends, and we stayed up way too late, not knowing what would happen the next day.

**Sunday Morning, August 28, 2005**

My dad woke me up at seven and told me that I had to bring in the furniture from outside because there was a category five hurricane heading straight for New Orleans.

**11:00 a.m. on Sunday Morning, August 28, 2005**

After boarding up the windows on our house, my family and I left for Birmingham, Alabama. Our original plan was to evacuate New

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## Would You Like A Piece Of Pi?

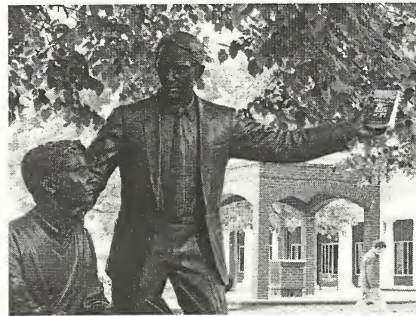
by Jacob Hymes

As we all know from many frustrating days of reading *Life of Pi*, Pi survives long enough to reach safety on a Mexican beach. What you didn't know was that the man recording the story is a member of the MJMDT. Along with the member's colleagues, he too finds Pi's story impossible, but instead

of completely throwing it away, he just adds a few changes here and there. His story ends with Pi's going to college, starting a new family, and living happily ever after.

Although the author makes a small reference to Pi's family during his seven-month journey, he manages to "overlook" a minor detail: Pi's family is alive. In fact, not only

are they alive, but they also own one of the most successful zoos and charter companies in the world.



Pickering prefers Pi.

After college, Pi is looking for a job in the "job search" section of the newspaper. He sees an ad for a new zoo that needs a keeper for the Bengal tigers. Pi knows that this job will be a great start for his zool-

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# Features

## Reactions to *Life of Pi*

by Wilson  
Griffith

I recently interviewed several Junior Schoolers about their reactions to *Life of Pi*, required summer reading for the entire school. Every English 7 and 8 class had to take a test over it. Several students eagerly expressed their opinions about the *Pi* experience:

**Pat Killian:** The book wasn't meant to be fast-paced, and if you didn't understand that, then you wouldn't have liked it. I did though.

**Alvin Kim:** *Life of Pi* rocked. It rocked hard. Like a 10 on the Mohs Hardness scale. I really enjoyed reading it.

**Sam Moxley:** I thought the book was good...but it was confusing.

**Zach Sternberg:** Honestly, I thought the first 100 pages were a waste of time although they were very informative. But then it became exciting and adventurous, and I was very intrigued.

**Lee Grubbs:** It was okay.

**Dalton Fouts:** It was a book with too much tedious detail and a foregone conclusion that made a pathetic attempt to make people feel warm and fuzzy inside about religion.

**Steven Burbank:** It was okay. Kind of boring at first, but it got better.

**Seth Akers-Campbell:** Too much detail.

**Jimmy Thomas:** I thought it was boring because it was 200 pages about his being in a boat, and in the end, you wonder why you read it because you question whether it was true or not.

**Alex Apple:** Not worth the whole school's reading.

I guess some people liked it, and some people didn't. I personally liked the book. I thought the

struggles he had to overcome were very interesting and inspiring. I think I'll give some of the people who didn't like it a little credit that it did get boring in some parts. But overall, I'd give the book 4 out of 5 stars.

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ogy career and immediately schedules an interview with the owner. When Pi walks into the zoo, he notices a plaque on the wall next to the ticket booth that reads, "This zoo is dedicated to the memory of our lost son, Piscine, known to all as Pi." He thinks that this plaque is just a freaky coincidence and keeps walking toward the main office. When the owner opens the door, Pi sees none other than his long-lost father, Santosh Patel. After a tearful reunion, he is re-introduced to the rest of his family and hears their remarkable story. According to them, shortly after Pi awoke on the *Tsimtsum*, the rest of the family arose from a deep sleep, too. They were soon informed by the captain that there had been an explosion in the hull and that the boat had to be evacuated. They searched for Pi, but he had already been thrown into the lifeboat with the other creatures after being mistaken for a wild animal. After the family gave up hope, they went to the opposite side of the ship and hopped on a giant island of bananas and slowly drifted back toward land in the same way they came. When they reached East Asia, they hopped on another boat and were shortly in Canada. They opened another zoo and started their own boating business, both of which became the most popular in their fields.



Obviously Wilson liked the book!



Grandma Griscom bonds with *Pi*.





# Features

## Fabulous Florida

by Andrew D'Aquila and Matt Bracy

This summer, ten MBA guys and seven HH girls went to Florida with Mr. Thurmond and other faculty members from MBA and Harpeth Hall. We had a lot of fun kayaking, snorkeling, riding roller coasters, and swimming.

Our first stop was Key West. Once we arrived, we went to Duvall Street, and Matt purchased a slightly inappropriate funny shirt. Then we went kayaking and saw sea urchins, sea cucumbers, sharks, and many fish. The sea cucumber ended up

pooping on Addie's hand. That night we went on a ghost tour of Key West that was fun, but not very scary. After the tour when we were walking back to the vans, Matt was swinging a bag at Andrew D'Aquila. Dodging the bag, DQ ran head-on



into a parking meter and bruised his eye. It was funny even though it hurt him. The second day, the best day

in Key West, we went snorkeling. While snorkeling, Conner and DQ saw a Goliath Grouper as wide as a door and as long as DQ is tall. We also saw huge lobsters, eels, and sharks. Snorkeling was definitely the best part of Key West. After snorkeling, we went to the beach, where DQ, Matt, Conner, Tyler, Fletch, and Ryan threw mud at each other. Many people were hit in the eyes, but it was fun. After eating dinner at a restaurant on Duvall Street, Tyler gave DQ five dollars to get his hair braided, which he did, but Addie pulled out the braids later on. Then we went to Mallory Square and saw street performers. There was one really cool escape and fire juggling act. Key West was a great

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## The Jailbreak Triathlon: Canoeing, Biking, Running

by Ryan Hill

It was 10:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning, and the first wave of 30 canoes was just about to push off on their three-mile journey to begin the Jailbreak Triathlon. This race was named so because the starting point is less than a mile from the Maury County Jail, and a few of the more trusted prisoners are kind enough to help each year. My dad and I were in wave two, so we



The Hills: A family of triathletes

had five minutes to get up to the line once the air horn announced the first

HONK! A shrill sound cut through

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wave's departure. We had gone into this race acknowledging the fact that we probably weren't going to come close to winning, but in less than two hours, we proved ourselves wrong. By 10:05, we were on the line and ready to break.

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# Katrina

Orleans to Covington with my friend's family, which is the family we evacuated with for Hurricane Ivan. Since my dad thought that

Birmingham would be safer, we decided to go there. The trip to Birmingham usually takes about five hours; this time it took sixteen. **3:00 a.m. on Monday Morning, August 29, 2005**

I finally arrived at Birmingham after sharing two seats with a cat and a sister for an entire day. We had been hearing news of Katrina hitting the coast the entire drive and had been getting stories of the damage. Our top speed probably reached 20 mph once but averaged about 5 mph on the interstate. My mom only packed frozen meat in the cooler, so we had no food to eat all day. There were cars and families on the side of the road because nobody could get gas or their car overheated. The only food we ate was after a 45-minute wait in line at Wendy's.

**Monday Afternoon (just waking up) August 29, 2005**

I woke up, and my dad told me that the levees had held and that we should start packing up to leave tomorrow for home.

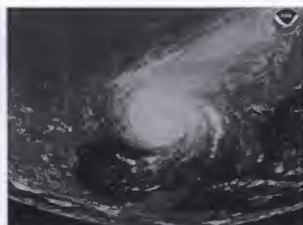
**Tuesday, August 30, 2005**

I woke up a little earlier and sat down to get some cereal. The TV was off so I didn't really learn



*The levees broke.*

anything new about the situation and assumed that we were leaving soon. After I finished breakfast, my dad told me that the flood walls had been breached and that there were a couple of feet of water in the French Quarter. I then started to unpack and prepare to wait a little longer.



*The eye of Katrina*

**Wednesday, August 31, 2005**

We left for Nashville and didn't really face any more traffic. Once arriving at about two in the afternoon, we unpacked and set up our rooms. My grandma has a four-bedroom house and lives by herself, so there was enough space.

**Thursday, September 1, 2005**

I went out and bought clothes and finished unpacking, I also started text-messaging friends to see where

they were since the phone lines were down.

**Friday, September 2, 2005**

I looked at USN and MBA to decide which new school I would go to. MBA was way nicer, so I chose it and came back to get paperwork and go to the pep rally. I also went to the game and soup kitchen the next morning.

**8:00 a.m. on Tuesday Morning, September 6, 2005**

Because Monday was Labor Day, Tuesday was my first day of class.

*What do you miss most about New Orleans and like most about Nashville?*

I miss my friends, house, school, and basically, New Orleans. As for Nashville, I like the football games and the milkshakes.

*What do you enjoy about MBA?*

I like the events like mixers and football games. I also like the food and cookies during break.

*What was most shocking to you?*

It was very shocking to me that one morning I woke up and everything was fine, just like a normal hurricane. And then the next morning, we had to prepare to go somewhere for what they were saying would be six months to a year.

*Do you consider yourself lucky?*

Yeah, I think we're very lucky. My family is safe, and my place to stay is comfortable. One of my best friends from New Orleans evacuated to Nashville, too. My house got no damage, and I'll go back to New Orleans either in December or at the end of the school year.



# Camp Laney

## Life at Laney

by Robert Brunsting

The fabulous seventh grade class and their incredible faculty members ventured out for a trip to Camp Laney. We boarded the buses at the disgustingly early hour of 6:45 am. The week was filled with many

**Robert McArthur:** "Kamikaze"  
**Tyler Cauble:** "V-swing"  
**Mr. Cooper:** "Lights out"  
*What was the best thing about going to Camp Laney?*



Joe Riegler



Patrick Meehan

exciting activities, such as the kamikaze, pamper pole, cat walk, multi-vine, and the ever popular zip line. Every evening things wound down with a two-and-a-half hour game of dodge ball. If you can dodge a demerit, you can dodge a ball. With the help of no homework, no dress code, no tests and no quizzes, the seventh grade class could concentrate on forming new friendships and having fun.

After surveying the class of 2011 and the faculty members, here are some of their responses to the trip:

*What was your favorite activity at Camp Laney?*

instead of waking up at 5:00 a.m."

*Which teacher needs private dodge ball lessons?*

**Russ Anderson:** "N/A (in case of demerits)"

**Clay Garrett:** "Ms. Bakken, she was really bad."

**Warren Smith:** "No school and new friendships"

**Chunsoo Park:** "No homework and no teachers telling me what to do and handing out demerits"

**Ms. Bakken:** "Sleeping until 7

**Mr. Russell:** "I know for a fact that Coach Sawyer takes private lessons from a guy named Lemoyne. Coach Sawyer even has a target back in his garage with former students' faces on it."

After surveying everyone, it seems that the entire faculty could use some dodge ball lessons, but the survey says that Dr. Marro is the worst dodge ball player at Camp



Max Werthan running for the Powerade machine

Laney. The survey also indicates that Mr. Anderson needs to add the word kamikaze to our spelling list!

# Features

## Ask Jeremiah

by. . . Jeremiah

Dead Meat writes...

*"Jeremiah, I'm in big trouble. I broke my dad's iPod, but I don't know how to tell him. What should I do?"*

Dear Dead Meat: Thou shall burn the remains of the Demon Device and give thy father the ashes in thy largest corn husk straight from the fields of Jacob or Ezekiel. Then thou shall repent for forty days and forty nights for thy mishap tied to a rogue scarecrow in Kansas while a crow continuously pecks at thy liver. The repenting for forty days and forty nights symbolizes the washing away of thy guilt and shame of not only breaking, but also using a Hellish Mechanism, just as the world which was evil was flooded to remove evil, and only Noah, who represented goodness, continued to exist. The scarecrow is the ark which keeps thee from being destroyed by the crow, the flood, and keeps thee anchored to thy quest.

Severely Confused writes...

*"My girlfriend and I have been together for almost two months now, but for some reason she won't talk to me. I buy her gifts and get her flowers, but nothing seems to work. What should I do, Jeremiah?"*

Dear Loser Who Is Being Used By His Girlfriend: In case thou did not realize, thou art a loser and art being used by that She-Devil of a woman thou calls thy Funny

Bunny. My advice for thee is to dump her before she gets tired of

out and make friends with people even more pathetic than thou art.



Jeremiah Mecklenborgiah

thee and ends the relationship herself. She does not like thee for thyself; she only likes thy hand-made quilts and thy hand-crafted oak hearts which she sells for big bucks on the side of the road and out of the back of her buggy. In conclusion, relationships are like churning butter: they take hard work, dedication, and lots of genuine love. I hope thou finds true love with some lass later on in thy life, "Confused."

One-friend writes... "Dear

*Jeremiah, I only have one friend in the world, and I met him in a chat room. I am not athletic, funny, good looking, or intelligent. What can I do to make other kids like me for me?"*

Dear Uni-Friend: My advice for thee is to try to go to more social fiascos such as a corn-husking festival, or an equinox hoedown, and find thy special talent thou can flaunt. Or thou can take the easy way

Thou could also begin to dress differently, go a little bit crazy with thy outfit, and wear a non-collared shirt or take off thy hat, anything to stand out from everyone else, which will then get thee noticed. I don't know what a chat room is, but it seems to be working for thee, so if worst comes to worst, meet people through that. Finally, making friends is just like milking cows: it's easy once thou learn the right technique and

become acquainted with the right cows.

### 8th Graders Take Home the Bowling Prize



Neil Reinhardt and Harry West, along with John Andrews, won the Junior School Bowling Tournament.



# Features

## Make Movies!

### Interview with Mr. Rozario

by Matt Bellet

**How did you get to where you are now?**

When I graduated from college, I moved to Eastern Europe, where I apprenticed to a magician who taught me to battle dragons. After completing my internship in the magical arts, I joined a crew of merchant pirates. We raided island kingdoms. (You can't find them on any map.) My spells and incantations often came in handy, especially when fighting sea serpents and dragons. After two



Visit Mr. Rozario in the Tune Room.

years, I sailed home to visit my ailing mother, and Mr. Gioia asked me to come to MBA to employ my magical skills in improving our bowling team.

**(Just Kidding)**

**What do you do here at MBA?**

I'm an enigma really. Actually, I am a fine arts intern. Jim Womack and Rosie Paschall are my mentors. I am responsible for achieving three things this year: encouraging use of the Tune Room and original student films, pioneering a film department, and hosting the First Annual MBA Film Festival. I hope to eventually have a video/film class.

**How did you get started in your profession and what were you doing before you came to MBA?**

I got interested in filmmaking when I saw *Jurassic Park* when I was 13.

Before then I wanted to be a paleontologist, one who studies dinosaurs, and then I realized that filmmaking can bring

dinosaurs to life! After college I was working with Alan LeQuire at his studio and gallery. Alan LeQuire, class of '71, sculpted all the statues at MBA as well as the *Athena* in the Parthenon and

*Musica* at the roundabout. Then Mr. Gioia approached me and gave me the opportunity to work with the donor of the equipment in the Tune Room (David Tune, class of '81) and build a video department.

**Windows or Mac?**

Mac.

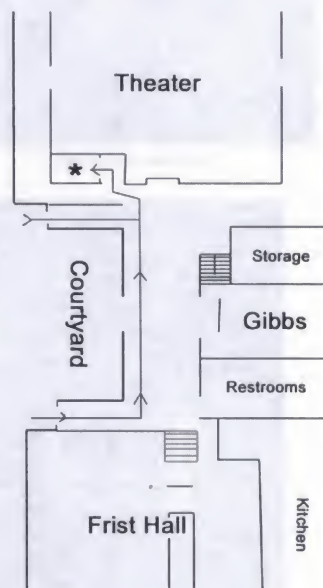
**Favorite color?**

Hunter green.

**Favorite documentary?**

*Riding Giants*.

**Favorite ice cream?**



Mint chocolate chip or cherry cordial. **What do you enjoy most about MBA?**

I really believe in the creativity, originality and humor of the students here. When you love learning, you inevitably have to express it in your own way.

I invite every seventh and eighth grader to come by and visit the Tune Room. Make movies!

# Carnival



*Rejected, once again.*



*Chris Adkins falls asleep with a hammer.*



*That instrument is as big as he is!*



*So what are you smiling for?*



*"I beleive I can fly!"*



*Everybody loves football!*



# Game Day



*Pat vs. Predator*



*Don't speak to Neil on game day.*



*Gage Baxter can hit the high notes on the National Anthem.*



*Mecklenborg the Monkey*



*GI Jack: MBA's top-notch security guard*

# Mixer

## A Scientific Analysis of the 8th Grade Mixer

by Ben Mecklenborg

On Saturday, October 1, there was a pleasant display of interaction between girls and boys in their natural habitat, the dance floor. Observing these specimens and intermingling with the creatures, I too became wild, ruthless, and groovy. I had been analyzing them for two hours when I realized that the future of the human race is in the hands of a band of party animals. I was fascinated by the variety of sizes and shapes of these creatures, ranging from behemoths to micro-organisms that all interrelated in harmony, producing a night of pure fun despite different dancing styles and levels of craziness. Most incredible was the awkward ceremony that boys used to win the girls' fondness; the boy would move to the sounds, amplified to ear-blistering volumes, and slowly migrate toward a young lass and begin socializing. A few boys especially stood out from the rest by using strange techniques which seemed to repel rather than woo the girls.

There was also a separate

breed of party goers whom I classify as homo-wall-standers, young men who would simply adhere to the wall. They were attracted by an invisible magnetic field I call "Embarrassment Maximus."



*Those groovy cats!*

When the time came to dance slowly with the girls, the magnetic field's strength would increase and not even I was able to escape the powerful pull. There were some who were

strong enough to overcome this captivating force of nature, and they moved closer to their female companions. These advertuners gained a boost of self-confidence that was achieved only by the simple phrase, "Sure I'll dance with you," uttered by a beautiful girl. The creatures seemed to react particularly wildly when a certain noise sung by Mike Jones blasted through the speakers. If any hurly-burly began, there was always an older, more mature person who was able to take charge and direct the children back to the path of fun and away from the path of preposterousness.

The fan favorites in the music category were called "rap" and "rock" tunes, which I consider nothing but loud forms of poetry, spoken in rhythm with a thunder of instruments. Through my experience as one of the "guys," the night was a splendid array of fun and excitement that was complimented by the

presence of many gorgeous girls who seemed to enjoy themselves as well. For my scientific journal, there are many good times to be had at this natural phenomenon, called a mixer, and I have recorded data of my observations and come up with a list of talented boys who took the mixer experience to new heights.

**Best Air Time:** Charles Herron for being thrown into the air the most times

**Best New Kid Dancer:** Sam Berklacich

**Best Dancer to Go to Two Different Dances in One Night:** Robinson Hunt

**Best Dancer to Never Dance:** Patrick Lovett

**Best Original Song:** Hershel Mehta for inventing the best Indian Rap song anyone has ever heard

**Best Assistant DJ:** Charles Herron

**Best Shuffle:** Daniel White for never ceasing to amaze me with his dazzling foot work

**Best Breakthrough Dancer:** Mathew Moynihan for showing me a promising array of moves that blew me away

**Best Chaperone:** David Whitfield for boogeying down to "Gold Digger" and for grading papers while a hundred wild kids were screaming and dancing to deafening music



# Bark Park

## Bark Park Marks Territory

by Ben Mecklenborg

With the force of a raging hurricane hitting the south coast, or the force of a car running into a bunny; the newest fad in pet ownership is the Bark Park. Imported from a small town in Texas, the Bark Park has recently marked its territory in Warner Park, and I needed to investigate. Every day after school, I would pass this man-made phenomenon and wonder, "What is it like?" while I watched people and dogs of all ages and sizes flock to it like famished seventh graders running to the lunch room. I asked myself many questions, such as: "Why would you drive to a place to walk your dog when you could just walk outside, especially with raging oil prices?" or "Is there discrimination against cats" (being a cat owner myself)?

I gathered enough bravery to ask park goers these questions in their own habitat, the Bark Park itself. Although I do not have a dog, I must say it is an exhilarating feel-

ing being in a corral with many different people dodging "land mines." One man answered my first question saying, "My dog is the happiest he has ever been because of the sense of freedom he feels when we come here, and there is no substitution for genuine happiness." I coun-

"smart" remark, but I did it all in the name of investigative journalism. I asked another man the second question regarding the discrimination against cats, and he answered, "No, cats have different needs from dogs, and there is no need for a separate park for a separate animal." I lashed back at him by saying, "Have you ever heard of a man named Martin Luther King Jr.?" It was a rhetorical question. "People think he was fighting just for African-American rights, but that's not the case. He was actually a cat owner himself and was upset that the cat food his cat Freedom ate did not go on sale when the dog food was half off." This second man also neglected me after this comment.

In conclusion, this fad has caught on fast, and I reckon will continue to be successful for several years to come.

So, if you have a perky pooch who craves freedom, please stop by and let your mutt feel like he is liberated from the burden that is the "leash."



tered this comment by saying, "How can there be a sense of freedom when they are still trapped by a fence!" The man lost interest in our conversation after I made this



# Sports

## We are the Champions!

### Cross Country

by Alex Apple

The Microbe Cross Country team finished its season undefeated. The team was around forty-eight members strong and was led by captains Rob Higham and Alex Apple. Much of the team's success can be attributed to their hard work throughout the season. Starting on October 1 with optional practices and official practices on October 12, the team began to gain momentum. After three successful victories, the team had to focus because they



Rob Higham, Ben Crook, and Gage Baxter

would not have the seventh graders at the fourth meet. The team defeated CPA, BA, Ensworth, and

BGA to better their record to 4-0. Heading into the final week of the season, MBA had won all its meets convincingly. At Vaughns Creek on September 30, the team won the HVAC Championship, defeating BMS, Harding, Grassland, Woodland, and rivals BA and Ensworth. Many runners set personal best times, and Rob Higham and Shep Patterson turned in top-five performances. Congratulations to all the team and their fabulous coaches, Greg Ferrell, Clay Bailey, and Emmett Russell, who got the "Gatorade shower" after a victory at the finals! Roll Red!

## Golf Wins!

by Kyle Brantley

The Microbe Golf team finished its season in fantastic form. Our gruesome workout schedule of conditioning and weights helped us prepare for our big matches this season. Some may question why we need to work out so hard, but golfers need good strength and endurance to carry their heavy bags and dig down for that extra bit of strength when we are exhausted on the last hole. With Dr. Carro as our coach, we compiled a record of 5-2, the only losses coming to CPA twice. Two big matches were against Harding, Woodland, and the HVAC tournament on Wednesday, October 5. The HVAC included twelve other schools that competed for the title

at the Fairways of Spencer Creek. The highlight of the regular season

was the 42 shot victory over U S N! Tyler P., or T-Pas, or Big T, led the team with an incredible round of even par 34! Alex Snow shot a 6 over, OT shot a 7 over, and Sweeney shot a 9 over 42. Other victories include



Tyler LeRoy and Patrick Sweeney

whopping wins over BMS and Harding, and a win by default over

Ensworth. Other low scores this year have been shot by Cody Fisher (even!) and Tyler LeRoy (really good!). This year, we practiced at Percy Warner and McCabe. However, members also let us so graciously play at Richland CC, Legends, and Belle Meade, twice! Finally, the Big Red wrapped up the season, winning the HVAC championship. Tyler LeRoy and Tyler Paslick turned in #2 and #3 performances! The Microbe Golf team had a great year! Go Red!



# Sports

## Mingling at McCallie

by Daniel White

This winning trip started at 5:45 a.m.--ahhhhhh! I had to wake up so early. I arrived at MBA at 6:36 a.m., and everybody was on his silly little iPod, listening to music. Around 7:50, we left MBA and got on I-24 heading to Chattanooga. I sat with Andrew (a.k.a.DQ) D'Aquila, Tee (a.k.a. JT) Griscom, and Kevin Carr, and we listened to DQ's and Tee's iPods and their silly rock music--blahhhh! Tee and DQ



*Daniel rocks out on the bus to McCallie.*

had some good songs like "Milkshake" and "Freak-A-Leek." DQ and I then listened to some of my CD's because it was only fair. Some other people and I switched seats, and then I sat with John (JLo) Lowe, Will Campbell, and Wiley Hunt.

The team stopped in Sewanee, where we had sandwiches, power bars, and Gatorade. We then watched some football tapes from last year, but I was half asleep listening to some tunes. Finally, we arrived at McCallie's beautiful campus. We got off the buses and changed clothes, and the managers, Mitchell Lukens, Andrew Holmgren, and I filled the water coolers while Nathan DeWitt and Min Choi prepared the camera for taping the game. I went back into the locker room, and it was DEAD silent because you know that Coaches McMahan and McMurray don't mess around when it comes to game time.

After we beat McCallie 20-8, we went to their picnic, which was good, and mingled with the McCallie boys, who were really nice and cool. After the game, my grandmother introduced me to the bus driver, whom she knows from her hometown of Shelbyville--how weird??? Then we loaded the buses and watched Coach Golenor's boomerang and cheerleading tapes, which were very entertaining. (Who would have known that he was a cheerleader?) We also watched the old movie *Happy Gilmore*, and I slept until we got to Antioch. We had a great time. Roll Red Roll!!!!!!

## Sports Quiz

by Alex Apple

The reward for the most correct answers in the shortest time will be \$10 to Maggie Moo's.

1. Who has hit the most doubles in MLB history?
2. Who has the most at-bats in MLB history?
3. How many times has Wilt Chamberlain won the NBA MVP award?
4. Who holds the single season NCAA Basketball Division I scoring record?
5. What sports conference is Troy University in?
6. Who owns the all-time record for most interceptions in a single Super Bowl game?
7. Who won the 1977 Super Bowl?
8. Who is currently the head basketball coach for the Memphis Grizzlies?
9. Who is currently the starting goaltender for the Nashville Predators?
10. Who won the 1969 Division I College Basketball National Championship?



Please send all answers to Alex Apple.

# Football

## “Serious Sweetness”

by Jordan Herring and Daniel Todd

The Eighth Grade Football Team had a memorable season. The team proved to be quite talented, losing only to BA in a close game. The four coaches were Coach Golenor, Coach McMurray, Coach McMahan, and Coach Ardisson. Each player contributed to the team in different but important ways during both the games and practices.

Throughout the season, players picked up nicknames from Coach “GoGo.” Just a few are Denzel “Wheels/SweetFeet”



*Coach GoGo*

Caldwell because of his shutout-preserving tackle, and “Pinky” Burbank because of his mysteriously pink practice jersey. Ben Mecklenborg seemed to be able to get past the offensive line only when he cocked his arm and twiddled his fingers. Kevin Carr was also unofficially promoted

to Kevin “Bus.”

This year, the team played its first out-of-town game against the McCallie School and was very productive on offense and strong on defense in a 20-8 victory.

Here is the record:

**Game 1** – MBA: 21 BGA: 6

**Game 2** – MBA: 28 St. Henry's: 0

**Game 3** – MBA: 17 Christ the King: 6

**Game 4** – MBA: 20 McCallie: 8

**Game 5** – MBA: 19 Woodland: 0

**Game 6** – MBA: 6 Brentwood Academy: 20

**Game 7** – MBA: 10 Lipsomb: 8

The team had a great year and looks forward to continuing the strong MBA tradition. To sum the season up in the words of Coach Golenor: “This year has been some serious sweetness.” Go Big Red!

## Speed, Strength, Size

by Franklin Gaglione

The seventh-grade football team, made up of 58 players, had a great season. Under the leadership of Coaches Jenkins, Simpson, Bernatavitz, and Story, the team worked hard beginning in August and ended the season with a winning record after beating Lipscomb soundly in the Big Red Bowl 24-16. The coaches claimed the team “showed a great deal of character, heart, and determination in their hard-fought games.”

Overall, the team was well-

balanced. The offense scored over one hundred points in their first five games.

Quarterbacks, Aubrey Witherington and Andrew Powell, executed plays and ran the offense with

great poise. Receivers, John Hughart, Chase Owens, Clay Adams, and Stan Rozar, made some phenomenal receptions, catching over ninety percent of their passes. Tight-end Cedric Smith was a dominating force. Running backs, De'Ante Hughes, Joe Riegler, and Devin McLain had both blinding



*Hunter celebrates a defensive stand.*

speed and brute strength. The offensive line, led by Douglas McWilliams and Eddie Seay, protected the backfield, giving the offense enough time to make plays. The defense, led by Hunter Wise and Andre Lucaci, was rock-solid. The linebackers and ends sacked their opponents often. The secondary shut down opposing teams' passing games and intercepted passes. The special teams units were amazing both on the kickoff and on the receiving end. Every player had something to contribute to the team.

The team appreciates the time, effort, and encouragement of the coaches. Can't wait for next season!



# Sports

## NCAA Football

by Neil Ryan

The NCAA ranking officials have some serious problems. They rank teams according to their record, but what about whom they beat or lose to? For some reason, most of the top 25 have not yet played any good opponents, and the unranked teams have only lost to really good opponents but are not respected at all. Boston College played four terrible teams and then finally played Florida State and got crushed, but



Notre Dame vs. USC

they remain 6-1, so they are ranked. Purdue played a bunch of pansies, then came up just short against the awesome teams of Minnesota and Notre Dame. Yes, their record is 4-2, but they have played a

tough schedule, so 4-2 is an accomplishment. Michigan, who started the season at #3, dropped out of the rankings. They have played a very

tough schedule, including Notre Dame, Michigan State, and Wisconsin. Even with this impossible schedule, Michigan has squeaked out a 3-2 record. That is tremendous, but the rankers have not even put them in the top 20! Notre Dame is also underrated. The Irish played Michigan, Purdue, Michigan State, and Pittsburgh, when Pittsburgh was ranked, and they managed a record of 4-1, yet ND is still not in the top 10. Finally, Penn State is 6-1. They did have two respectable wins over both a good Minnesota football team and Ohio State, but the other opponents have been completely pathetic teams. The rankings in college football make no sense at all and need to be fixed. Come on, ranker guys!

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the air, and we were off. During the course of the canoe ride, my dad and I actually pulled up into the lead pack, a position we wouldn't lose.

It was 10:45, and we had just reached our transition point. It was time to mountain bike seven and a-half miles through rough and dangerous terrain, and we were already worn out. However, that fact didn't stop us, and we were off in a second, still neck and neck with the lead group. Through the whole course, we amazingly suffered no injuries and pulled out great. The only hard thing for me was not looking back. There were many times when I found myself caught in bushes or ditches after I decided to look behind me and see who was close. Finally, we made it through and were ready for the last leg, a two

and a-half mile run through the woods.

Because I was in such a hurry during the biking portion of the race, I hadn't had any time to take a quick drink of water since the race had started. All I had time to get before dashing back into the woods was a little cup of Gatorade, but it kept me running. During the mountain biking, my dad had passed me and ended up beating me by two minutes. My seemingly impossible goal for the run was to catch him. It was a hard task, but Microbe Cross Country definitely has its benefits, and they surely showed up in the race. In the final 200 meters, I did catch my dad,



Ryan and Jonas Hill

and we crossed the finish line at the same time. My two cousins, Morey and Jonas, who were in wave four, also did a great job and finished soon after we did. After a good lunch, it was time for the awards presentation, and we had the pleasant

surprise of discovering that we had come in ninth place overall! Considering the expectations we had going into the race, this news was a wonderful turn of events. Eventually, after a tiring one-hour drive home, we parted ways and headed home to rest. "What a great feeling," I thought. I had become a triathlete.

# New 8th Graders



Sam Berklacich



Tyler LeRoy



Carson Potter



Sam Bryant



Dalton Fouts



Min-Seok Choi



Michal Zienkiewicz



Cameron Malakouti



Morgan Cram



# Entertainment

## iPod Nano

by Sam Moxley

Meet the Nano, newest member of the iPod family. Weighing in at a mere 3.5 ounces, the Nano has a color screen and comes with 2 GB (500 songs) or 4 GB (1,000 songs) of memory. The Nano closely resembles the Shuffle but is longer and wider and has a click-wheel. Another bonus to the Nano is, unlike the Mini, which it is replacing,



it can hold photos, so you do not have to spend up to four hundred dollars for the iPod Photo. You can just buy the Nano for two-hundred or three-hundred dollars. Accessor-

ies for the Nano include lanyard earbuds, armbands, docking stations, and colored skins. Overall, the Nano deserves a five-star rating!

## NCAA 2006

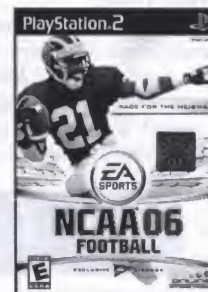
by Andrew D'Aquila

NCAA 2006 is possibly the best football game I have ever played. There are great new features added on to the older versions, including Race for the Heisman, Impact Players, Breakaway Control, Year-Round Recruiting, and new



Mini Games. The Race for the Heisman is an extremely fun aspect of the game. You make up a player and choose a position; then you can receive a "walk on" or athletic scholarship. You go through your college career, and if you have the skills, you can go on to play in the NFL. There is also the basic Create-a-School and Player along with Dynasty mode.

The graphics and game play are phenomenal. Mr. Anderson says, "It is like you are one of the players on the field." Tee Griscom declares, "It is very realistic in a vir-



tual way." Although the music play list and commentary is annoying and awful, NCAA 2006 is still amazing. I give this game a solid "A."

# Entertainment

## Reflections: Laney '05

**Rob Barnes:** Patrick Meehan's surprised face as he toppled forward in the "Box 'o Steele" and made a huge hole that finally sunk the boat.

**Andrew Powell:** Mr. Cooper telling stories about Mr. Anderson's mysterious brother, who was buried under the cabin.

**Tyler Cauble:** "Hammer – Sickie – Monkey Wrench, we got Bakken off the bench!!!!!"

**Eddie Seay:** The sound of Mr. Cooper's deer call – the squeaky bleat of an animal in distress keeping me up all night.

**Evan Newport:** Climbing a cargo net up onto the treacherous rope steps and the crickety old plank, and finally getting to the freaky Kamikaze and falling into oblivion.

**Harrison Luna:** Trapping buzzing yellow jackets between two cups at the PowerAde machine

**Alex Blanton:** The peculiar, repetitive head-nodding of the adventure guild guide.

**Conner Caldwell:** The horrible feeling when your table gets passed by because Dr. Sorrow found a green bean under your chair.

**Hunter Ractliffe:** Cheering forever for Devin to go on the V-swing

**Max Werthan:** Dr. Marro's loud snoring

**Cedric Smith II:** Playing tennis with Bradley Worthington, who had a racket that didn't have any strings.

When he would try to hit the ball, he would miss, and it would go straight through the racket.



*Andrew Powell's  
personal Titanic*

## Dining with Daniel

by Daniel White

One of Nashville's hottest new restaurants in Bistro 215. Where is it, you may ask? Most of you know where it is because you have passed it numerous times hanging out with the Honeybears at the movies. It is located

near the Green Hills Mall directly across from Cheeseburger Charley's and the Regal Cinemas 16. The food is AMAZING! They serve a mixture of upscale cuisine with a French twist, with dishes such as Tuna

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Tartare, Croque Monsieur, and Strip au Poivre. My favorite item is the Crab Cake Croissant with baby greens, bistro vinaigrette, feta, onions, tomato, chipotle tartar, and pomme frites. Andrew D'Aquila quips, "I really enjoy Bistro 215, especially the Crab Cake Croissant." Just to let you know, it is nothing like the former Princeton's Grille or J. Alexander's. I think it is better. I rate this restaurant 4 out of 5 stars.

A great family style restaurant is Maggiano's Little Italy, an Italian restaurant that has recently opened on West End and serves big dishes for reasonable prices. The portions are huge! I went to

Maggiano's this past summer in Philly, got manicotti for around \$12, barely finished it, but I had enough room for cheesecake, which was the bomb! Maggiano's is rated 5/5 stars.

### Restaurant News Around Nashville

The TOH staff is sad to see the closings of Houstons, Fuddruckers, Rio Bravo, Cooker and Captain D's, all of which are located on West End Avenue. But we are glad to see that great places like Maggiano's Little Italy, J. Alexander's, Stoney River, and Starbucks are opening on West End. Also, we are glad to see Bistro 215, Cheesecake Factory, Panera Bread, and Fire of Brazil opening at the Green Hills Mall.





# Entertainment

## Pop Should Burn:

An Opinion  
by Mike Gedelman

There are only a few bands on the top-40 list worth listening to, like the Foo Fighters, Lifehouse, and Nickelback, but even then, these are not the best music choices available today. All pop and rap should be burned! When people



hear the term pop, they think of the genre of music such as Britney Spears or Justin Timberlake. Pop, however, can be a prefix for almost any type of music. For example, pop-punk music would include Simple Plan, Blink-182, Green Day, etc. Pop-emo includes bands such as Taking Back Sunday and Hawthorne Heights. We all must admit that this music has no quality, and that all of these bands have sold out to large record labels or just have a discordant, ridiculous sound. By now you're probably wondering how much more cynical I can get, and if I like any music at all. But realistically, we can decide that pop is not music—it's pop. Rap isn't even worthy of discussion.

## Cry Wolf:

A Movie Review  
by Jonathan Golab

*Cry Wolf* is the story of a group of friends, Tom, Dodger, and Louis, who accept new student Owen Matthews into their secret club at Westlake Prep, the Liars' Club. They play this lying game and winner gets a load of money. They decide to play the game with the whole school one day after a local woman is found dead in the woods. They create a serial killer that is



called the Wolf and he goes from school to school killing multiple students in horrendous ways. Everyone believes them, but then it gets weird. Owen starts getting instant messages from someone whose screen name is Wolf. He/She is mad at Owen and the group for telling his secret. Owen thinks it was one of the others, but they all have alibis. A couple of days later, Tom and Owen's dorm gets trashed, and the Wolf sends a message saying he hates their friend, and one of the guys is missing. So they start thinking, when does the truth separate from the lies.

This movie relies on its ability to keep the moviegoer guessing and is done extremely well. Everyone should see this great movie.

## The Whitfield Pancake

"All you need to know for your Cultural Geography exam"



- 1) Use the Hungry Jack Pancake Mix (The Just Add Water Kind)
- 2) You must **sift** the pancake mix.
- 3) **IMPORTANT STEP:** Add A little more water than it tells you so that the batter has bubbles
- 4) The first pancake is **always** a test! (For short, just don't eat it.)
- 5) When bubbles start to appear, then you can flip it.
- 6) Do not mash the pancake with your spatula! It makes the fluffiness go away.

# Life on the Hill



*"Hucky, it's Injun Joe!"*



*Injun Sami*

*Jack, what  
flavor is Doc  
Robinson's  
blood?*



*Mr. Woolsey makes 8th graders "toe the line."*



*Another visit to Mrs. Lechleiter's office*





# Wyoming Trip

## Hiking, Digging, Swimming, and Jackalopes

By Jordan Herring

Over the summer of 2005, Mr. Thurmond and Coach Ferrell headed a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Wyoming. The group left Nashville, flew to Minneapolis, and from there, flew to Jackson Hole. We landed beside the majestic Teton Mountains, which seem to pop out of the terrain from nowhere. We had dinner inside a teepee right next to the airport. From there, the group drove to the destination point: Trail Lake Ranch. The closest town was called Dubois which had a population of....maybe 50. The main attraction in the town was the giant

jackalope and the museum. Despite being in the middle of nowhere, the ranch, nestled at the base of the Torry Valley, had a great view of the surrounding landscape. Each day, we would rise, eat breakfast, and usually hike. There were many trails around the ranch. One day, we hiked to a beautiful but freezing lake where Patrick Lovett was dared to stick his head in. Another day, we left the ranch and went dinosaur digging. Sean McKinnis was let down when he discovered the dinosaurs were not real. As we dug, a few people found bones. After that, we went to a Hot Springs water park. The water smelled like rotten eggs, but the slides were great. We also

The first thought was "BEARS!" The students rushed closer while the brave Coach Ferrell ran backwards. He later laughed nervously when we discovered it was only a tree. On one occasion, we went "clear-water" rafting. Despite the lack of rapids, we saw bald eagles and had a great view of the mountains. A new game on the raft was created to see who could keep his feet in the water the longest (hopefully without them turning to ice cubes). While on some hikes, people began to think placing rocks in people's backpacks was fun. Each day, the breakfast and dinner were very good, but the lunch was always a surprise. The sandwich wraps we were given often

contained the strangest mixtures of food. Once or twice, war broke out between the cabins. Plungers were used as lethal weapons in an attempt to stick them to people. Mr. Thurmond put an end to suction torture.

Overall, the trip was fantastic. It was "a once in a lifetime experience," according to Mitchell Lukens.

The scenery was amazing, and a vacation with your friends is always a highlight of the summer.



*What a view!*

went horseback riding and canoeing on the trip. Caldwell Buntin was marooned on a small rock in the middle of the lake. On one hike, there was a loud crash in the woods.

# HVAC Champs!



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# 8th Grade Football



*Pre-game photo op*



*The GoGo Half-Time Show*



*Christ the King football is no match for the Big Red.*



*Andrew Fletcher and the Big Red*



*Tanner's big tackle*

# Who's That?

## Guess Who?

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Dr. Dickens     | 11. Mr. Spiegl   |
| 2. Mr. Carter      | 12. Mrs. Steele  |
| 3. Mrs. Pettus     | 13. Mr. Wims     |
| 4. Mr. Woolsey     | 14. Mr. Brown    |
| 5. Mrs. Christeson | 15. Mr. Cooper   |
| 6. Mrs. Bourland   | 16. Ms. Ellery   |
| 7. Mr. Anderson    | 17. Mr. Sawyer   |
| 8. Mr. Russell     | 18. Mr. McMurray |
| 9. Mr. Russ        |                  |
| 10. Mrs. Bakken    |                  |



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# Who's That?



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# Florida Trip

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place, and both the guys and the girls loved it.

The next day we drove up to Orlando. Once we arrived, we went putt-putting, where Fletch hit four balls into the water and two into the street; one was eventually run over. Fletch lost by a very large margin, and Tyler won. The next day we enjoyed all the rides at Island of Adventure and Sea World. When we were late to the meeting spot, Mr. Anderson threatened us with a study hall, but he was kidding! At Sea World we went on the one roller coaster, Kraken. Then some of us watched Shamu or went to Shark and Penguin Encounter. The next day we went to Wet and Wild and then on to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. At Universal, we rode The Mummy, Twister, Earthquake, and a few other coasters. At Islands of Adventure, we rode the Hulk and

Dueling Dragons multiple times. That night was Kristen's birthday, so we had a small party with food from McDonalds, a cake, and a Hot Pocket with a candle in it. The next day we flew home and arrived

Matt Bracy stuck a Swedish Fish up Tee's nose. Tee took the fish out of his nose and ate it. Tee, of course, won because the whole van broke out in laughter. Also on our drive up to Orlando, we made multiple

cell phone calls. One call included the kidnapping of Rosa and Juan Pablo. Also, we played many games of truth or dare. One dare was that DQ had to stick his head in the safe where Conner's old disgusting shoes were locked up. The

Florida trip was the highlight of our summer, and we really recommend that the seventh graders go on it.

Thank you to our great chaperones, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Malone, and Mrs. Peck.



*The Honeybears own MBA in beach volleyball.*

around 11 o'clock because of a storm delay.

The Florida trip wouldn't have been anything without all the funny moments, many occurring in the van, like the laughing contests. When it was Tee versus Kristen,

## Welcome New Faculty



Dr. Dickens



Mr. Barclay



Mr. Hood



# Spirit Week



*Spirit, Ya'll!*



*Swishy Man caught off-guard.*



*Duffy the Clown*



*Superfriends, unite!*



*Detective ZzZzZ...*



*Man, this hurts!*



# The Back Page

*Eighth graders stake out their place at the MUS pep rally.*



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